

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026
Mass Intentions

September 6, Sunday, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Jim Weaver, Anniversary (Weaver Family)
10:00AM+Bear McCloskey, Birthday (Family)
5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

September 7, Monday, Weekday

12:00PM+Michael Ratzesberger (Mom & Family)

September 8, Tuesday, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00PM+Linda Cacciotti, Anniversary (Carl & Family)

September 9, Wednesday, Saint Peter Claver, Priest

12:00PM+Audrey Krause (Phyllis Lavelle Sheetz)

September 10, Thursday, Weekday

12:00PM+John P. Koeck Jr. (Bob Hofer Family)

September 11, Friday, Weekday

12:00PM+ David Seidel (Bob & Joan Lozinak)

September 12, Saturday, The Most Holy Name of Mary

12:00PM+Vera Hauck (Mai T. Nguyen)

Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00PM+Mildred Conti, Anniversary (Family)

September 13, Sunday, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM+Pat Byrne (Patty McCloskey)

10:00AM+Pat Morning (Family)

5:00PM Pro Popolo/ For the People

Basket Bingo

Basket Bingo SAVE THE DATE! And mark your calendars for Sunday, September 27, 2026, for our basket bingo at Father Kelley Hall. Donations are still being accepted and are appreciated. **We have 3 weeks till the BIG DAY**

Basket Bingo Tickets

Basket Bingo Tickets are now available at the Thirteenth Avenue entrance after all Masses, and also at the Parish Center Office. Hours there are 8:30AM-4:30PM, Monday thru Thursday and Friday, 8:00AM to 3:00PM at 1405-13th Avenue. They are \$25.00 per person, and also a value pack can be bought for an additional \$30.00. If you have any questions call Paula at the Parish Office at 814-944-4603, Her cell # 814-215-5949, or Lorraine Beck cell at 1-240-676 6704. LET'S PLAY BINGO!



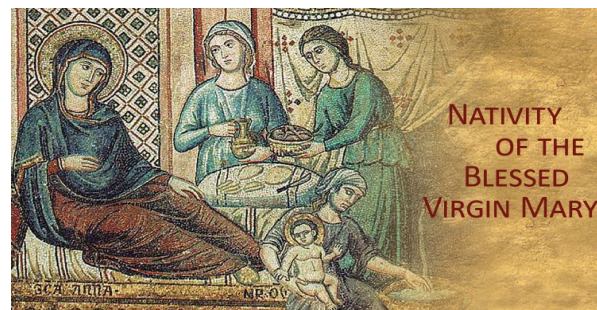
OFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday, August 30, 2026, \$ 12,479.63

Thank you for your monetary and personal contributions to the life of our parish.



Tickets for the Prince Gallitzin Cross Awards Dinner may be obtained by visiting our diocesan website to purchase electronically or by contacting Suzanne Barry by phone at 814-695-5579 or by email at sbarry@dioceseaj.org.



We are pleased to announce that our parish has reached this year's Catholic Ministries Drive target of \$53,700. As of July 31, \$53,755 has been received. Our pledged balance is \$3,435.00. 161 donors or 24.69% of our parish participated. Thank you very much. Donations above target will be used to cover costs related to our anniversary celebration.

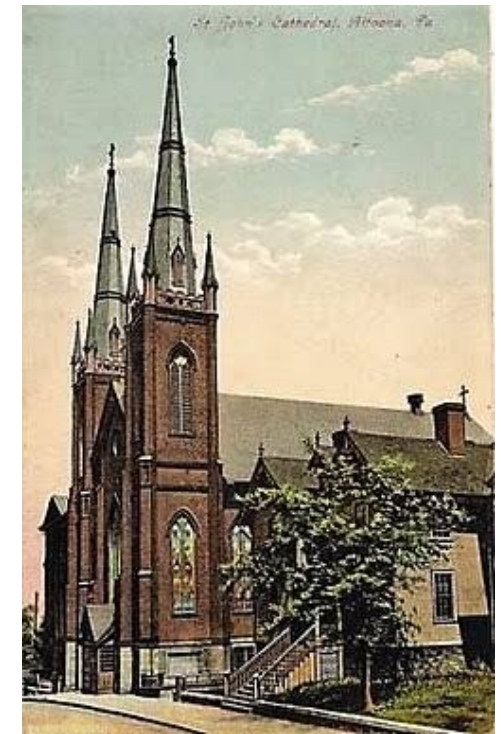


Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy

Bishop Mark and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 plus years of marriage in 2026 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 13 in Altoona at The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 20 in Johnstown at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments and snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by **Friday, September 11th, 2026.**



Cathedral Parish collected \$2,008.26 towards this year's Baby Bottle Campaign. More than 130 parishes from Blair, Bedford, and Cambria counties reached Precious Life's highest total yet, \$149,304.60! Thanks so much.



175th Anniversary

Our second Bishop, John J. McCort, was born in Philadelphia in 1860. Raised by his mother, because his father was an early casualty of the Civil War, John J. McCort was ordained to the priesthood in 1883. He was consecrated in 1912 as the Auxiliary Bishop to Archbishop Prendergast of Philadelphia. In 1920, at the request of Bishop Garvey, Bishop McCort was named coadjutor of the Diocese of Altoona with the right of succession. He was responsible for initiating the building of our beautiful Cathedral. He established high schools in both Johnstown and Altoona, and opened nineteen new parochial schools. He also founded the Diocesan newspaper *The Catholic Register*. Bishop died at Johnstown Mercy Hospital on April 21, 1936.





The **Altoona Gabriel Project** is a Catholic Pro-Life ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies with supplies, as well as providing spiritual and emotional support. Our parish has a collection crib at the alley entrance for non-perishable baby items (diapers, wipes, clothing, bibs, towels, blankets, etc.).

The Cathedral is a distribution site on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 P.M. If you know of moms who need help, call 814- 440-1021.

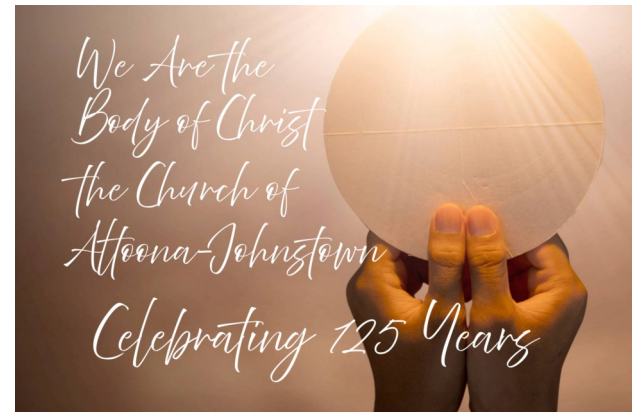
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in the Catholic Church? Do you know someone who might be interested in seeking information about our Catholic faith/ Maybe you would like to know more about OCIA.

Starting on Sunday, September 13th, the Cathedral Christian Initiation Team will begin weekly meetings in the church from 11:00AM until 12:00 Noon, for all those seeking information on the Catholic Church. No commitments are made at this time. These are informal Inquiry Sessions to discuss aspects of our faith with anyone who might be thinking of joining the Catholic Church. Please contact Carol Galioto (814)327-4841.



You are invited to celebrate the Birth of Mary at St. Catherine of Siena Church and Fatima Shrine on Tuesday, September 8, in Duncansville. Masses will be celebrated at 7 A.M., 12:05 P.M., and at 5:30 P.M. with Bishop Mark as the celebrant followed by a Rosary Procession at the Shrine. The rosary will be prayed at 7:30 A.M., 11:15 A.M., 1:00 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. Food, crafts, and religious articles will be in the hall.



The Diocesan Family Conference will be held on Saturday, September 19th, at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Ebensburg. This conference has been designed for every generation, from young children and teens to parents, grandparents, clergy, and parish leaders. The day includes the annual Men's and Women's Conferences, Shycon (also a discipleship event for senior high Confirmation candidates) and Junior High Youth Day. Information booklets with registration information are available at the Cathedral's entrances. The booklet also contains personal and business sponsorship information. This Friday, September 11, is the deadline to register.



Our Cathedral bell calls us to prayer for Masses and to pray the Angelus Prayer at Noon and 6 P.M. We have also scheduled the bell to ring at 9 P.M. The so-called "De Profundus" bell, is an old Catholic tradition of ringing the bell, tolling ten times, at night to remind us to pray for the souls in purgatory. The Latin words "De profundus" ("from the depths") are the opening words of Psalm 130, a traditional prayer for the dead and for divine mercy.

The Church of Altoona-Johnstown **THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

ONE CATHEDRAL SQUARE, Altoona, Pennsylvania 16601-3315

TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Church.
Call 814-944-4603

INFANT BAPTISM:

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

CONFIRMATION:

Ninth, tenth and eleventh and twelfth grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM or by appointment, by texting or calling 814-937-8240

ANointing OF THE SICK:

Upon Request and Communal celebration

MARRIAGE:

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

DEVOTIONS:

Eucharistic Adoration - Normally, the First
Wednesday 12:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Sponsored by the Christian Mothers on Thursdays after the noon Mass.

Church Office: 814-944-4603

Msgr. Carson E-mail:

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Secretary E-mail:

pclemens@dioceseaj.org

Fax: 814-942-4337

Mass Times

Sunday:

5:00 PM (Vigil)

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

5:00 PM

Weekday:

12:00 Noon

Saturday:

12:00 Noon

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, J.C.D., Bishop
Reverend Monsignor Stanley Carson, Rector
Paula Clemens, Parish Secretary

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Chris Laraia - Pre-K thru 12 - 814-312-7317

Religious Education Office: Sundays - 814-943-7424

E-mail: claraia@dioceseaj.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Mr. Bob Long 814-944-2044, rlong@dioceseaj.org

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - 814-944-4603

GABRIEL PROJECT-814-440-1021

**MAIL MINISTRY TO ELDERLY, HOMEBOUND,
SERIOUSLY SICK, AND GRIEVING** - 814-944-4603

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM Pre-Kindergarten
thru 8. Grades 9-12 Sunday evening at 6:15 P.M.

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